



*Iowa Public School Speech-Language Pathologists  
Two Licensure Options to Work in the Schools  
Board of Educational Examiners licensure & Department of Public Health*

**Option 1**

**Licensing Board:** Educational Examiners

**Applicability:** required for all individuals engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology in the schools.

**Note:** Persons holding only the Board of Educational Examiners license are not licensed to practice outside the school setting. Department of Public Health licensure is required for all private practice.

**Requirements for Board of Educational Examiners licensure:**

Possess a master's degree in speech-language pathology or audiology from an accredited college or university.

Complete at least 20 semester hours of coursework in the professional education sequence, including student teaching/internship as a school speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

**Cost:** \$15 for initial application; \$15 for renewal every 5 years.

**Renewal requirements:** a minimum of 6 renewal credits (college credit, staff development credit, or other activities meeting Board of Educational Examiners' criteria) in the five years preceding renewal.

**Alternative means of authorization (Statement of Professional Recognition, or SPR) to practice as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist in the schools.** For those who have completed the master's degree in speech-language pathology or audiology but have not completed the education sequence or choose not to be licensed by the Board of Educational Examiners, a Statement of Professional Recognition (SPR) must be obtained from the Board of Educational Examiners. To obtain the SPR, the Director of Special Education of the area education agency wishing to employ the speech-language pathologist or audiologist must submit a letter requesting that the SPR be issued, and the speech-language pathologist or audiologist must have a current DPH license. For the SPR to continue to be valid, the DPH license must be maintained and the speech-language pathologist or audiologist must complete an approved course in human relations before the start of the next school year. This information is intended as a summary rather than a comprehensive review of the two types of Iowa licensure in speech pathology and audiology. If a conflict is shown to exist between this document and the relevant Iowa Code or Rules, the Code or Rules would take precedence.

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## Option 2

### **Department of Public Health**

**Licensing Board:** Speech Pathology and Audiology Examiners

**Applicability:** required for all individuals engaged in the practice of speech pathology or audiology as defined in Iowa Code, Chapter 147. The requirement to hold this license does not apply to persons licensed/certificated by the Board of Educational Examiners as Speech-Language Pathologists or School Audiologists while acting within the scope of their school employment.

**Note:** Persons holding only the DPH license are not licensed to practice within the school setting. Board of Educational Examiners authorization in the form of licensure of SPR (see below) is required for all individuals practicing speech-language pathology or audiology within the schools.

**Requirements for Department of Public Health licensure:**

Possess a master's degree or its equivalent from an accredited school, college, or university with a major in speech pathology or audiology.

Show evidence of completion of not less than 300 hours of supervised clinical training in speech pathology or audiology as a student in an accredited school, college, or university. Show evidence of completion of not less than nine months of clinical experience under the supervision of a licensed speech pathologist or audiologist following the receipt of the master's degree.

OR

Have been granted the Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

An individual may also apply for a temporary clinical license; a non-resident may apply for a temporary permit.

**Cost:** \$105 for application for full licensure, \$65 for temporary; \$80 for renewal every two years.

**Renewal requirements:** Completion of 30 clock hours of continuing education during the two-year period preceding license renewal.

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